



Gagetown School PARENT PAGE

"Soar with the Eagles"

January 30, 2012

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Nature Club

Reminder, that Nature Club will be meeting on February 3rd. Please remember to bring a note to give permission to stay for nature club as well as to bring your lunch. Pickup will be at 1:30. If you have any questions please call Lorna at 488-8105 or Renee at 488-9106.

Jack and the Bean Stalk

The Kindergarten to Grade 5 students attended Jack and the Bean Stalk at Cambridge Narrows Community School on January 25th. Students had a wonderful time watching this very interesting production.

Ice Cream/Popcorn

We are making a change to the days that ice cream and popcorn are being sold at the school. Ice cream will now be sold Wednesday at noon and Popcorn will be sold on Friday at recess.

Basketball

Jan. 31st	MEMS (co-ed) @ Gagetown 5:00-6:30
<i>Feb. 1st</i>	<i>PRACTICE 2:40-4:30</i>
Feb. 2nd	CNCS @ Gagetown (girls) 4:30-6:00
<i>Feb. 6th</i>	<i>PRACTICE 1:30-2:40</i>
Feb. 7th	Gagetown @ RMS (girls) 5:00-6:30
<i>Feb. 8th</i>	<i>PRACTICE 2:40-4:30</i>

The rest of the schedule is TBD.

To begin the season, all teams are placed in the same tier. This is to help determine the stronger teams (tier 1) from those in tier 2. Gagetown is currently the only co-ed team in the league this year; therefore, we will be playing in both the girls and boys division, until it is determined where we best fit.

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

January 30 th	Pizza Day
February 1 st	Math Coach arrives at school
February 2 nd	Chicken Wrap Day Hot Lunch Orders due for next week
February 3 rd	Nature Club - 11:45am
February 6 th	Pizza Day
February 6 th	Home & School Meeting 6:30pm
February 9 th	Chicken Wrap Day Hot Lunch Orders due for next week
February 13 th	Pizza Day
February 16 th	Chicken Wrap Day Hot Lunch Orders due for next week
February 17 th	No classes - PD Day
February 20 th	Pizza Day
February 23 rd	Chicken Wrap Day Hot Lunch Orders due for next week
February 23 rd	EYE-DA screening results
Week of Feb. 27 th	Winter Carnival
February 28 th	Field Trip to Mactaquac
March 5 th - 9 th	MARCH BREAK - no classes
March 26 th	French Presentation at CNCS for K-5 Students
March 29 th	Parent/Teacher interviews - No Classes
April 5 th	Grade 7 Girls Vaccinations
April 6 th	No classes - Good Friday
April 9 th	No classes - Easter Monday
April 18 th	Heritage Fair
April 20 th	No classes - PD Day
May 3 rd	No classes - PD day
May 4 th	No classes - Provincial Council Day
May 21 st	No classes - Victoria Day
June 22 nd	Last Day of School

Chess

Mr. Paul Mills has graciously volunteered to come in once a week to teach the Middle Level students how to play chess. From this group, certain students will then attend the District Chess Tournament.

IF Testing

The grade 5 students will start their testing this week as the IF part of the year comes to a close. The assessment will be completed on Friday. The 4/5 class will move into the English part of their instruction beginning February 6th.

Student Leadership

As part of our School Improvement Plan for this year we are focused on promoting student leadership. I would like to thank the grade 8 students for the tremendous job they did with the 1/2 class last week, helping the younger student's type and edit the literacy project they are working on. Every grade 8 student, showed great patience and were shining examples for the 1/2 class.

Now, the grade 1/2 students are now having their chance to follow the grade 8 example as they help the K/1 class with the same project. Last Thursday the 2 classes met in Miss Raymond's classroom and were paired with a younger student to help with the writing process.

Last week we had pictures in the newsletter showing Mrs. Lambert's class, helping the K/1 class learn how to use the on-line reading program, RAZ kids. I am very pleased with the great job and wonderful leadership skills all of these students have shown. Great job everyone!! Ms. Evans

Mactaquac Field Trip

On Tuesday, February 28th, Gagetown students and staff will be taking a little winter outing to Mactaquac Provincial Park. The bus will be leaving the school by 8:15 am and will arrive back in time for the second bus run at 2:40 pm.

This outing will entail learning about nature, wildlife and the park's environment. The park's philosophy of 'inclusive experimental learning will be introduced and encouraged in a safe, fun atmosphere' that will be thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Hopefully by then winter will look more like winter and we'll have some freshly fallen snow (something I'm sure most of you are awaiting). During our visit, our upper elementary and middle level students will be introduced to the exciting winter activities such as cross country skiing and snowshoeing, and will give them the chance to explore through the beautiful park trails. Our K-2 students will experience winter fun through skating and sliding and coasting down the scenic park hills.

As the weather is beginning to get a bit cooler it is important to dress appropriately and is a good idea to dress in layers. The following checklist of items is necessary for this outdoor adventure:

- A warm hat, mitts, boots, winter jacket and ski pants
- Water or juice, snack and a lunch (a canteen will also be available on site)

It is important to dress for the weather!

ArtsSmart Grant

The K-3 classes are just beginning their ArtsSmart project with local artist Micky Carmichael which links family, school and community through art. Keep checking the school website for pictures.

Blogging Site

Our new school blogging site called Soaring Eagles, is now linked to the school website. We currently have 4 bloggers on staff: Elizabeth in grade 3, Johnathan in grade 4 and Alex and Ally both in grade 8. These students are learning the true art of blogging with our new Community School Liaison person, Arlene Johnson. Their job is to keep the world aware of all the great things happening at Gagetown School. Please check it out and leave a post.

Coaching Help Wanted

Gagetown School is looking for anyone who might be interested in or anyone who may know of someone interested in helping out with the coaching of a few scholastic sports. We are currently just beginning our basketball season and will be looking for some assistance with the co-ed team starting the end of February. In addition, we will be looking for someone to run the volleyball team. This season begins in April. The role of the volunteer would involve attending practices (once or twice a week) as well as traveling to games in possibly the following areas: Oromocto, Chipman, Minto, and Fredericton Junction. The coach **would not** be responsible for arranging drives or transporting any students to the games.

As the kids learn the basic skills and concepts of the sport as part of their physical education curriculum, prior experience or expertise in the sport is definitely not a requirement.

If you're interested in or know of anyone who might be interested in helping out, please contact Jill Meek at Gagetown School at 488-3561.

Thanks so much for your support.

Fruit Smoothies

Thank you to Mrs. Meek and the Grade 8 students for providing the students with fruit smoothies. Grade 8 students prepare the smoothies and then deliver them to the class of the week who is receiving this wonderful treat.